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Re: Map Outlining the Disturbed Areas, Clifton Mining Company, Inc., Herat Mine Permit and Clifton Exploration (bonded) Permit, S/045/023 & E/045/052, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Proctor:

We received a letter and a map on September 12, 1996, describing disturbance associated with the Herat Mine and the Clifton exploration project. According to your calculations, it states that you have .69 acres of disturbance caused by the surface "cat" cuts. We allowed .66 acres in our October 5, 1995, letter to you. Based on rough calculations, it appears that you only counted the cut and not the dirt pushed off the cut. When we inspected the cuts on July 12, we counted 12 feet as the total width. The total width of the cuts and the dirt pushed off the cuts have to be counted in the disturbed acreage, which probably increases the acreage you counted for the surface "cat" cuts.

You also reference the remainder of disturbance as .80 acres of recontouring of previously disturbed surface associated with the Clifton exploration permit. In order for us to verify this it would be helpful to relate this to some sort of previous map showing drill holes. Will these disturbances be reseeded this fall?

The original bond calculations for the Clifton Exploration project stated the following:

- 1) \$11,600 is attributed to The Clifton and Atlantis Exploration sites.
- 2) \$6,000 is attributed to Beryllium Claim area associated with the BLM public land.

The only map the Division has accounting for the disturbance is an aerial photo which Tony Gallegos traced, showing a spider web of drill hole sites. You have a copy of this map. From this map we attributed four acres to the Clifton Project. Currently, our concern is how to account for finalized reclamation related to past disturbances to release any bond money. Please relate future regrading and reseeding to this map in order to help us and you in tracking.



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It appears you have begun to reclaim what you consider portions of the Clifton Exploration Project. Please keep us informed on the location and amount of recontouring and when the seeding takes place in the Annual Report, so we can grant you the proper release when successful reclamation has occurred.

It would benefit both of us if you could put together a table and plate which shows the areas to be reclaimed under the Clifton exploration bond. Also document when areas are regraded and reseeded and when holes are plugged, so the proper inspections can take place. I realize this is what you have partially attempted to do for the September submission. If you could expand upon this it would help us legitimize future bond release reductions.

Our letter of October 5, 1995, requested that you address five issues. One of those issues was the 28 drill hole locations left from past disturbances. In our letter we gave you until March of 1996, to initiate the drilling program or reclaim all the holes. We now need an update on where you are in regards to this project, as well as other reclamation on site. The Division feels that you have possibly gone over the acreage amount that was calculated for bonding purposes in regards to the recent trenching. Based on your recent regrading of some drill holes, and an inspection confirming this, we feel that we can possibly discount the additional disturbance on the trenches.

Please call me at 538-5321 in order to schedule a site inspection before the snow flies. Hopefully we can address how to proceed with future permitting of reclamation and mining.

Sincerely,



Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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